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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 01-159746
- (2) Japan 02-077919
- (3) Japan 03-230387
- (4) Japan 04-060730
- (5) Japan 07-073107
- (6) Japan 55-157052
- (7) Japan 08-194643

These documents were cited during prosecution of a counterpart Japanese application, namely Japan 2003-180263, which is a divisional application of Japan 09-200570, from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § .

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119. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 19, 2005, is enclosed.

In view of the date of the Japanese Office Action, Applicants submit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

English language abstracts for the documents (1) to (7) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

It is noted that this application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37.C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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